

Amendments to Claims

In the Claims:

Prior to further examination of this application, please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Canceled)
2. (*Previously presented*) The RNAi molecule of claim 4 that is a single stranded siRNA that forms a hairpin structure.
3. (*Previously presented*) The RNAi molecule of claim 4 that is a double stranded siRNA.
4. (*Currently amended*) An interfering RNA (RNAi) molecule that comprises SEQ ID NO:15, wherein the RNAi is between about 19 and about 29 nucleotides in length.
- 5-7. (Canceled)
8. (*Previously presented*) A DNA molecule encoding the RNAi molecule of claim 4.
9. (*Previously presented*) An expression construct comprising DNA that encodes the RNAi molecule of claim 4 operatively linked to a promoter that drives the expression of said RNAi molecule in a c-met-expressing cell.
10. (*Original*) An expression construct comprising the DNA molecule of claim 8.

11. (*Currently amended*) The expression construct of claim 9, wherein [[a]] the promoter is one that drives the expression of said RNAi molecule in a c-met-expressing tumor or cancer cell.
12. (*Previously presented*) The expression construct of claim 11 wherein the promoter is a polIII promoter.
13. (*Original*) The expression construct of claim 12 wherein the polIII promoter is a U6 promoter.
14. (*Previously presented*) A viral vector comprising the expression construct of claim 9.
15. (*Original*) The viral vector of claim 14 that is a transient expression vector.
16. (*Previously presented*) The viral vector of claim 14 that is a stable expression vector.
17. (*Previously presented*) The viral vector of claim 14 that is an adenoviral vector.
18. (*Original*) The adenoviral vector of claim 17 that is an Ad5 viral vector.
- 19-37. (*Canceled*)

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38. (*Previously presented*) A method of treating a c-met⁺ tumor or cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject by an effective route, an amount of the viral vector of claim 14 effective for inhibiting expression of c-met and thereby (i) inhibiting the growth, invasion or metastasis of cells of said tumor or cancer, or (ii) killing said tumor or cancer cells.

39-47. (*Canceled*)

48. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 38 wherein the tumor or cancer is glioblastoma, prostate or gastric.

49. (*Previously presented*) A method of treating a c-met⁺ tumor or cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject by an effective route, an amount of the viral vector of claim 19 effective for inhibiting expression of c-met and thereby (i) inhibiting the growth, invasion or metastasis of cells of said tumor or cancer, or (ii) killing said tumor or cancer cells.

50. (*Previously presented*) The method of claim 49 wherein the tumor or cancer is glioblastoma, prostate or gastric.